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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-310—sHB 6692

Judiciary Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE COURT'S AUTHORITY TO DENY AN
APPLICATION FOR THE WAIVER OF COURT FEES**

SUMMARY: By law, the court must waive the fees and cost of service of process in a civil or criminal matter if it finds that a party is indigent and unable to pay. This act allows a court to deny a party's application for waiver of the fees or cost if:

1. the applicant has repeatedly filed actions on the same or similar matters,
2. these filings establish an extended pattern of frivolous filings that have been without merit,
3. the application relates to an action before the court that is consistent with the applicant's previous pattern of frivolous filings, and
4. granting the waiver would constitute a flagrant misuse of Judicial Branch resources.

By law, the court must grant a hearing on a denied waiver application if the applicant requests one.

The act specifies that it does not affect the court's authority to manage its docket.

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